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Sewage overflows at long-burning landfill

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More than 10,000 gallons of liquid sewage spilled yesterday from an overflowing pipe connecting a St. Louis treatment plant to the Bridgeton Landfill, where a long-running subterranean fire has released benzene-contaminated liquids.

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District spokesman Lance LeComb said the wastewater had already been through landfill owner Republic Services' onsite treatment plant, but it was contained at the site anyway.

"From a regulatory standpoint, it's regular sewage and we treat it as such," LeComb said.

The landfill, which has been burning underground for the past five years, is under heavy scrutiny as it is next to the West Lake Landfill, a radiation-contaminated federal Superfund site ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 27).

The spill follows a surface brush fire at the Bridgeton Landfill over the weekend that was sparked by an electrical pole.

"Given the community sensitivities, we wanted to be as quick and judicious as possible," LeComb said, noting an onsite contractor planned to work through the night in response to the leak (Jacob Barker, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), Oct. 27). -- DTB